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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 602

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

CINCPAC HONOLULU

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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF MASS LA TH

SUBJECT: LAO FLEE TO THAILAND IN HELICOPTER

1. GROUP OF FIFTEEN LAC FLEW AMERICAN-MADE HUEY HELICOPTER OUT OF VIENTIANE'S WATTAY AIRPORT JULY 7 AND LANDED AT UDORN TO SEEK REFUGE. IT IS UNCLEAR HOW THEY MANAGED TO BOARD AND SEIZE THE HELICOPTER, WHICH BEARS PL MARKINGS AND CARRIES NUMBER 0556, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS.

2. CONSULATE UDORN REPORTS THAT GROUP WAS LED BY POLICE MAJOR PHUT MINGSRISUPHAN, WITH MOST OF OTHERS BEING HIS RELATIVES. RTG IS CURRENTLY INTERROGATING THE PARTY. WE HAVE NOT LEARNED IDENTITY OF PILOT. LOCAL POLICE CLAIMED TO CONSULATE EMPLOYEE THAT THEY HAVE KNOWN PHUT FOR YEARS AS AN OLD VIENTIANE POLICE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM THEY HAD LONG HAD TROUBLE BECAUSE HE ACTED AS A CONDUIT FOR VEHICLES STOLEN IN THAILAND WHICH WERE REMOVED TO LAOS.

3. ALTHOUGH NOTHING HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT DISPOSITION OF  
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HELICOPTER, EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT RTG WILL OFFER IT TO

THE LAO AS IN OTHER CASES OF AIRCRAFT WHICH HAVE  
ARRIVED IN RECENT MONTHS FROM THE COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA.  
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